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TRENCH ISOLATION STRUCTURE HAVING A CURVILINEAR INTERFACE  
AT UPPER CORNERS OF THE TRENCH ISOLATION REGION, AND METHOD  
OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME

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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

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Sir:

In response to the Office action of July 15, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.